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ITALY.

Quarantine against ports of the Argentine Republic on account of bubonic plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February 3, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information copy of a note from the Italian ambassador at this capital, reporting that Italy has quarantined against the ports of the Argentine Republic on account of the bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

ITALIAN EMBASSY,
Washington, D. C., January 29, 1900.

SIR: I have received to-day from the royal ministry, and I have the honor to communicate to your excellency, in continuation of my note of the 24th instant, the following telegram:

"ROME, January 29, 1900.

"By ordinance of maritime health No. 2, dated to-day, all the ports of the Argentine Republic on the Atlantic, and on the Parana River, have been declared infected with bubonic plague. The provisions of the ordinance of May 8, 1897, No. 3, of July 13, 1897, No. 6, and of January 14, 1899, No. 1, will therefore be applicable to all vessels coming from those ports.

"The necessary procedure of sanitary health must be gone through with exclusively at the ports of Genoa, Leghorn, Naples, Palermo, Messina, Brindisi, and Venice, which will, therefore, be the only ports at which the said vessels can land.

"BERTOLINI,
"For the Minister."

Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the assurances of my highest consideration.

FAVA.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.

Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the transactions at this port for the week ended January 28, as follows: January 25, steamship *Fürst Bismarck*, Hamburg-American Line, bound for New York via Naples; 40 cabin and 59 steerage passengers and 40 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed. There were 2 rejections for trachoma. On January 27, steamship *Archimede*, Navigazione Generale Italiana, bound for Naples and New York; 21 cabin and 42 steerage passengers and 41 pieces of baggage were inspected and passed. Two steerage passengers suffering from trachoma were rejected.

Respectfully,

RUPERT BLUE,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Reports from Naples.

NAPLES, ITALY, *January 24, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that for the week ended January 24, 1900, the following ships were inspected: January 19, the steamship *Werra*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed